## Requests for Funds (RFFs); Creating, Submitting, Approval & Status

Click the *Login* link from the left menu bar to login with your Login ID and Password.

Click Funding Applications from the left menu bar.

On the **Funding Applications** page, make sure that the correct fiscal year and **Last Approved Applications** are selected from the dropdown menus.

Click **Refresh View**. If no data is returned, your funding application has not yet been approved and you may not create **Requests for Funds** (**RFFs**).

Otherwise, Click the blue link for the appropriate funding source (i.e., Consolidated Application, Competitive Application, IDEA Application, etc.)



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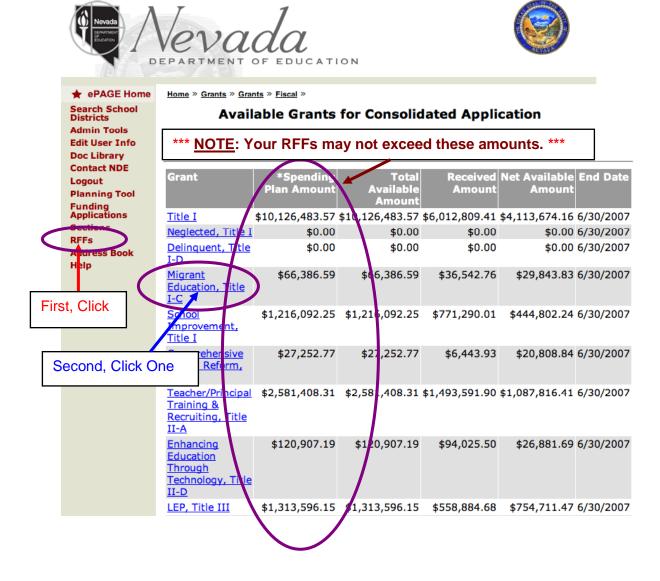
Click **RFFs** from the left menu bar. This will bring you to the **Available Grants** for **{Insert Name}** Applications page. This page displays all approved grants in this application.

**NOTE on Approved Spending Plan (Budget**): You must have an <u>approved</u> **Spending Plan Amount** (budget) for at least the amount of cumulative RFFs amounts or you will not be able to submit the RFF. For example, suppose:

New Allocation is \$50,000

Carry Over is \$7,125

Current <u>approved</u> *Spending Plan Amount* is for new only: \$50,000 You would only be able to submit RFFs up to \$50,000. If you tried to submit RFFs for \$50,495; \$55,670; etc., you would receive an error message that you have exceeded the approved *Spending Plan Amount*. In this case, submit a *Revision* (see <u>Funding Applications; Spending Plan</u> section), wait for NDE approval, and then you would be allowed to submit RFFs up to \$57,125 in this example.



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Click the blue link for the *Grant* for which you would like to submit (or approve) RFFs. In the above example, the *Migrant Eduation, Title I-C* grant is selected. This will bring you to the *RFF Summary* page for this grant, displaying any existing RFFs for the project. Additionally, you will see the blue link *Click Here to Create a New RFF*.

Are all Existing RFFs Released for Payment? You should check the status of existing RFFs before creating new RFFs. If prior RFFs are not in Released for Payment status, check to see if they are waiting for approval from the District User who created the RFFs or the School District Fiscal Representative. If you need to approve an existing RFF, Click the blue link on the Request Date of the RFF that you would like to approve. This will bring you to the RFF page, where you will be able to view the RFF and approve; or return unapproved to be modified. Click the button indicating the appropriate action.

If the **RFF** is waiting on NDE approval, please allow at least 2 weeks for normal processing time before contacting your NDE program contact to inquire as to the approval status.





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RFFs Summary - Migrant Education, Title I-C

Migrant Education, Title I-C - FY 2007

 Project Number:
 16-011-516-2007

 C.F.D.A.#:
 84.011

 Project End Date:
 June 30, 2007

 Final Allocation:
 \$66,386.59

 Spending Plan Amount:
 \$66,386.59

 Refunds:
 \$0.00

	Existing RFFs		
Amount Request Date	Status	Status Date	Voucher # Print
\$13,282.99 April 16, 2007	Released for Payment	4/24/2007	300 656181 Print
\$7,955.29 <u>February 16, 2007</u>	Released for Payment	3/9/2007	300 641470 Print
\$15,304.48 <u>December 8, 2006</u>	Released for Payment	12/18/2006	300 617481 Print

Click Here to Create a New RFF

Return to the Project Selection screen

<u>Creating a New RFF</u>: To create a new *RFF*, Click the blue link *Click Here to Create a New RFF*. This will bring up a blank *RFF* for you to fill out. Most of the fields are pre-populated for you. As a general guide, fields with black labels cannot be modified, fields with gray labels can be modified but are defaulted to a valid value so this is not necessary, and fields with red labels require data entry.









C.F.D.A.#: 84.011

Project End Date: June 30, 2008

Final Allocation: \$58,275.58

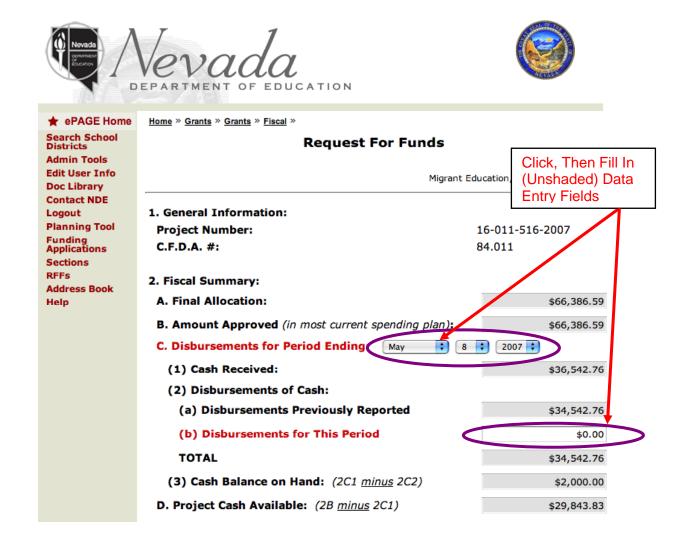
Spending Plan Amount: \$58,275.58

Refunds: \$0.00



Return to the Project Selection screen

As you fill out the form, the system may prompt you to enter other data that has become necessary based on the data you entered elsewhere on the *RFF*.



Fill in the *RFF* with appropriate data from your accounting system, as applicable.

Justification of Need:
Explain need for monthly request in excess of 10% of the Amount Approved (2B)
and/or
Explain need for additional funds if Cash Balance on Hand (2C3) exceeds 10% of the
Amount Approved (2B):
Count Characters

## ADD/VIEW COMMENTS (0)

As required by the Cash Management Improvement Act (codified as 31 CFR part 205 and 34 CFR 80.20 and 80.21), cash advances are limited to the immediate cash needs of the requesting entity. By submitting this cash request, the entity certifies that this request is in compliance With the Cash Management Improvement Act and 34 CFR 80.20 and 80.21. For cash requests submitted in July, August or September from a previous year grant, the entity certifies that the underlying obligations were made prior to June 30. Additionally, by submitting this cash request, the entity certifies that the obligations incurred under this project, for which funds are requested, were made within the period of availability outlined in the grant agreement.



When you are ready to submit, Click Submit for Approval.

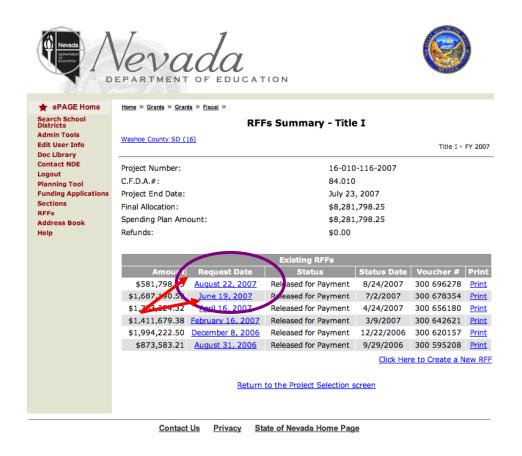
The **School District Fiscal Representative** will receive an e-mail that there is an RFF that requires approval. The **School District Fiscal Representative** will then need to **Login** to **Approve** this **RFF**. The **RFF** will then be automatically forwarded to NDE Consultant for approval and payment.

NOTE: If the person preparing the *RFF* for approval is the *School District Fiscal Representative*, Fiscal Representative approval will be automatically added to the *RFF*, and the *RFF* will then be automatically forwarded to NDE Consultant for review and approval.

You may check the status of the *RFF* at any time by Clicking *RFF* 

Click the blue link for the appropriate grant

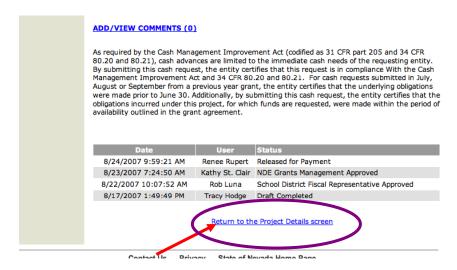
You will be taken to the *RFF Summary* page.



You can see where the *RFF* is in the process by looking at the *Existing RFFs Status* column.

Click on the blue link for *Request Date* if you wish to see the further information regarding the status.

You will see a page similar to below:



This shows the progress of the RFF so you can know where it is (or how long it took for any steps to be completed) at any time in the approval process.

Click the blue link **Return to the Project Details** page to repeat the process for another grant.

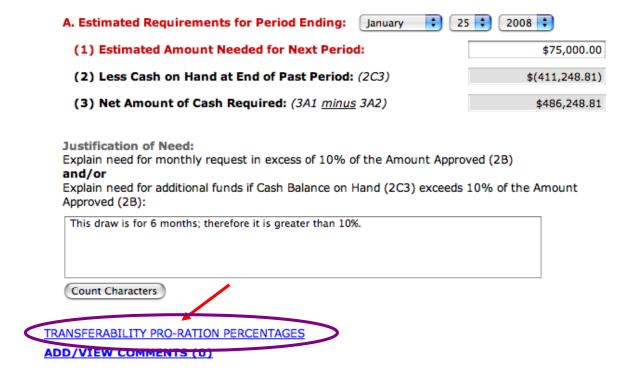
When done, *Logout* at the left menu bar.

## **Transferred Funds:**

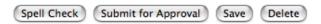
If you have exercised the transferability provisions of NCLB, this will effect your **RFFs**. (See the **Funding Applications** section for information on how to **Transfer Funds**.)

In *Funding Applications*, *Allocations*, we have transferred funds in the program below.

From the **Requests for Funds** page of a grant with transferred funds: Click the blue link **Transferability Pro-Ration Percentages**.



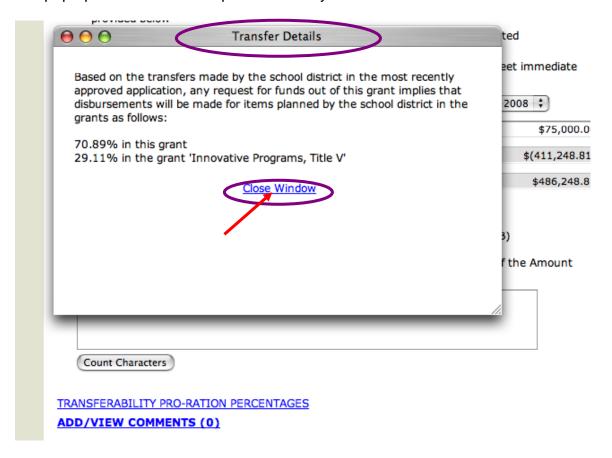
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You will see a pop up menu similar to the following:

Read, and make note for your accounting records as needed.

NOTE: When you start a new RFF for a program that has funds transferred out, this pop up menu will come up automatically.



The message above states the percentages of funds that will be disbursed for use in each grant. When transferability is exercised, the system automatically calculates the RFF percentages for each grant, as stated in the above pop up window.

In the above example, if the RFF were for \$100.00 then: \$70.89 would be disbursed from Title IIA for Title IIA expenses \$29.11 would be disbursed from Title IIA for Title V expenses

## Click Close Window

Continue working on the *Requests for Funds* page, as applicable.

When done, *Logout* at the left menu bar.